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PERIANDER OF CORINTH:

OR, REVENGE.

Translated from the German of Augustus La Fontaine.

(CONTINUED.)

HE then collected the few soldiers who remained faithful to him, and went on board the ship in which his treasures were. He threatened the Corinthians that he would soon return with new raised troops; and encouraging his soldiers with great promises, set sail, steering his course for Asia, where he expected to be able to raise an army.

As the vessel passed near Samos, the sight of melancholy reminded him of the death of his son, and the disappointment of his revenge, he cast a gloomy look on Polycrates—

"There," said he, in his former haughty and tyrannical tone, "there is Samos!" adding, with a menacing frown, "I will never forgive thee for failing in the execution of my orders, and disappointing my vengeance."

In the night, Polycrates, and some of his friends, seized Periander in his bed; and thrusting a cloth into his mouth, forced him upon the deck.

"We will no longer tremble before thee, tyrant!" said Polycrates; and immediately they plunged him into the waves below.

The sea was calm, and Periander, exerting all his strength, swam towards a light which he perceived at a distance. It belonged to a fishing boat, which he reached, and was taken on board. The fishermen having taken a great quantity of fish in the night, rowed, towards morning to the shore. The proud sovereign of Corinth now found himself half naked, without companion or friend, in a foreign country—in Samos.

He proceeded forwards to find some hospitable cottage. In a field of wheat was Agathon with his laborers; who, as soon as he saw the stranger, ran to him and said, "Who are you, poor man?"

Periander dared not tell his name; but answered, that he was a merchant of Athens, and that his sailors had thrown him into the sea to obtain his wealth. Agathon did not know him, for care and grief had entirely changed the features of Periander: his full and ruddy cheeks had become thin and pale, and his fierce and menacing eye mild and supplicatory. A man he was soon brought for the stranger, and meat was set before him. About noon, when he had refreshed himself and recovered his strength, Agathon conducted him to his cottage.

When Periander approached the grove, Melisa came out with her child in her arms to meet her husband. "O my dearest Tyche!" exclaimed Agathon, for that was the name which Melisa had now assumed. Periander surveyed the young woman with astonishment, for he thought he saw his own daughter Melisa. He walked by the side of her in mournful silence.—As often as she spoke, the well known tone of her voice reached his heart; but his daughter

was dead, and this young woman was named Tyche.

At length they all sat down to a simple meal. Periander admired the calm affection, the heartfelt confidence, and full content of this happy pair. At the end of their meal, Melisa took the cup and said:

"May the gods bestow tranquillity on my father!"

She then looked at the old man, her guest, at whose resemblance to her father she was astonished. With tears in her eyes, she then said,

"Agathon, I still love my aged unfortunate father. Alas! did he not know what happiness love and retirement can bestow, he would—Sue said no more.

"And who is your father?" asked the old man, trembling as he uttered the words.

Melisa hastily rose when she heard him speak, raised her hands, and, stretching them towards him,

"Agathon!" exclaimed she, "surely I know that voice!"

"What is thy real name?" said Periander with still greater emotion.

"Melisa!"

The old man started up.

"Oh, ye gods!" exclaimed he: "I am the unfortunate Periander!"

The father and daughter long remained locked in each other's embraces. They then mutually related their adventures. Blushing, for the first time, with repentance, Periander heard speak of himself; and now, for the first time, tell the happiness of love, of confidence, and of virtue. He had resided some days in the cottage of Agathon when the report reached it of the death of the tyrant Periander. He heard it with a smile, embraced his daughter, and said:

"It is true: Periander is dead. I am now only a feeble old man, who has first learned to live when but one step distant from the grave."

He did learn to live. The domestic happiness of his children, the profound respect they shewed to him, and their confidential love of each other, every day made a deeper impression on his heart. Agathon made him overseer of his slaves, and he treated them with more humanity than he had formerly done some of the nobiest Corinthians. In the evening, amid the last rays of the declining sun, while he played with his grandchildren, with his grey hairs crowned with roses, no person whose form he could have believed that he had been the tyrant of Corinth.

"But," he would say, "how much has it cost me, before I became a man?—A beloved wife, two sons, and a throne."

JESSY HAWTHORN.

(From the *Twelfacings of Malachi Meldrum*.)

—WHEN I am laid low, in the grave, and thy father beside me, remember Harry, if she lives, to cherish the melancholy ruins of Jessy Hawthorn. She was the fairest semblance of goodness and beauty I ever beheld; and she is now

the most striking monument of the power of sorrow, I trust, I shall ever see."

He was wiping away the tear which trickled down his cheek, and endeavoring to proceed, when Jessy entered the room. I never noticed her with so much attention before. There was a settled melancholy upon her countenance; and her manner, though neither violent nor fantastic, was somewhat wild and disordered. But pity was the least tribute the heart would pour out before her. Her features, though they had long lost the warm softness of youth, and the inspiring glow of vivacity, were still very tenderly expressive; and her figure retained uncommon elegance and dignity. She walked several times across the room, sighing frequently; and though my grandfather, in the most endearing manner, solicited her to sit, she retired, casting on him the most melting look I ever saw.

The old man took me by the hand; his voice for a while was buried in his feelings. "My poor Jessy," said he, "has had but a bitter draught of this world: I have long endeavored to make it tolerable; but the wise Being who admits us to it, thinks it also good to refuse me that comfort. But I will tell thee her story, Harry—I believe I never told it thee:—it is not tedious—and thy heart will not be the worse for such impressions.

"It was in the dead of winter, many years ago, when I followed my profession, that I was called to visit a patient. I had twenty long miles to travel through a country so wild and dismal, that nature certainly never intended it for the residence of human creatures. The mountains were piled one upon another: the stupendous rocks seemed hanging from their sides, and the red roaring torrent was sweeping their basis away. The storm whistled for ever round their rugged tops and the snow on their shoulders had never been dissolved. The green livery of nature had never been there, or it had been destroyed; and the heath-cock and the wild goat were starving among the blasted heath. Such was the country I had to pass, guided only by a path, which even at midsummer was scarcely discernable.

"I had finished little more than half my journey, when the clouds began to collect, and a sudden evening hastened down upon me.—The storm increased till it blew from all the quarters of heaven; and the snow oppressing the tempest itself, soon buried my ill distinguished path. Unable to proceed, and alike unable to return, I trembled lest the snow should overwhelm me, or a sudden torrent sweep me away; and when I thought of the horrors of the night, my soul failed within me.

"The night soon came on; an impenetrable darkness surrounded the earth, which trembled beneath the storm; and the howling of the waters, and the howling of the tempest, were terrible. Suffused with fear and shivering to death, how could I look for the morrow? How the living long winter night passed, he that pour'd it down so strong upon me best can tell, for even a dream remaineth not with me.

(To be concluded in our next.)

ANECDOTE

Of a Royal Visit to Bristol in the Reign of Queen Anne.

PRINCE GEORGE of Denmark, the nominal King, consort to Queen Anne, in passing through this city, appeared on the exchange, attended only by one gentleman, a military officer, and remained there till the merchants had pretty generally withdrawn, not one of them having sufficient resolution to speak to him, as they might not have been prepared to ask such a guest to their house. But this was not the case with all who saw him; for a person, whose name was John Duddleston, a hosiery-maker, who lived in Corn-street, went up, and asked him if he was not the husband of the Queen, who informed him he was. John Duddleston told him, he had observed, with a good deal of concern, that none of the merchants had invited him home to dinner; telling him, he did not apprehend it was from want of love to the Queen, or to him, but because they did not consider themselves prepared to entertain so great a man; but he was ashamed to think of his dining at an inn, and requested him to go and dine with him, and bring the gentleman with him at the same time, informing him, that he had a piece of good beef and plum-pudding, and ale of his dame's own brewing. The Prince admired the loyalty of the man, and though he had bespoke a dinner at the White Lion, went with him. When they got to the house, Duddleston, called to his wife, who was up stairs, desiring her to put on a clean apron, and come down, for the Queen's husband and another gentleman were come to dine with him. She accordingly came down with a clean blue apron, and was immediately saluted by the Prince. In the course of the dinner, the Prince asked him if he ever went to London. He said that since the ladies had worn stays instead of bodices, he sometimes went to buy whalebone; whereupon the Prince desired him to take his wife with him, when he went again; at the same time giving him a card, to facilitate his introduction to him at court. In the course of a short time he took his wife behind him to London, and with the assistance of the card, found easy admittance to the Prince; and by him they were introduced to the Queen, who invited them to an approaching public dinner, informing them, they must have new clothes for the occasion; allowing them to chuse for themselves; so they each chose a purple velvet, such as the Prince had on, which was accordingly provided for them; and in that dress they were introduced by the Queen herself, as the most loyal persons in the city of Bristol, and the only ones in that city who invited the Prince, her husband, to their house; and after the entertainment, the Queen desiring him to kneel, laid a sword on his head, and to use Lady Duddleston's own words, said to him "Get up, Sir John;" he was offered a place under government, which he did not chuse to accept, informing the Queen that he had 50l. out at a time; and he apprised her the number of people that he saw about her must be very expensive, therefore, that sum was at her service. The Queen made the most grateful acknowledgements; but, as might be supposed, declined the loan.

COMMON SENSE.

THERE is much talk (says Pope in one of his letters) of *one sense, refined sense, and exalted sense*, but for *common use* give me a little of the *common sense*.

MY NATIVE HOME.

SELECTED FOR THE WEEKLY MUSEUM.

OVER breezy hill or woodland glade,
At morning's dews or closing day,
In Summer's glowing pomp array'd,
Or penitve moonlight's silver rays;
The watchful matress still shall roams,
Who wanders from his native home.

While at the foot of some old tree,
As meditation sooths his mind,
Lull'd by the hum of wand'ring bee,
Or rippling stream, or whispering wind,
His vagrant fancy still shall roams,
And lead him to his native home.

Thou'rt love a fragrant eugh might weave,
And fortune heap the festive board,
Still mem'ry oft would turn to grieve,
And venison scorn the spangled board;
While he, beneath the proudest dome,
Would long for his native home.

To him the rustic roof is dear,
And sweetly cuts the darkest glen,
While pomp, and pride, and power appear,
At least the glittering pageants of men;
Unsought by those that never roams,
Forgeful of his native home.

Let me to summer's shades retire,
With meditation, and the Muse,
Or round the social umbr' of fire,
The glow of temper'd mirth diffuse;
The winds may howl and waters roar,
I still shall blisst my native home.

And oh when youth's exatic hour,
And passion's glowing noon are past,
Should we behold the tempest tower,
And sorrow brood its keenest blisst,
My shade no longer doom'd to roam,
Shall find the grace a peaceful home.

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To Miss MARIA L. C.

IF parent angels look with pitying eyes,
On man's frail nature, and can feel our woes,
If worth celestial left us native skies,
To bleed and suffer for our sins below.

Then dearest fair let pity warm thy breast,
The bright example still with zeal pursue,
Smile on youth that knows not to be blest,
Since when his heart is full of love and you.

CLERMONT.

A MODERN RAPE OF THE LOCK.

HAPPY the Friseur who in Delia's hair
With treacherous fingers uncurl'd my rose,
And happy in his death the Dancing Bear,
Who died to make pomatum for my lace.

Last night, as 'der the page of love's despair,
My Delia bent deliciously to grieve;
I stood a treach'rous lost'ry by her chair,
And drew the fatal scissars from my sleeve.

And would that at that instant o'er my thread,
The shears of Atropos had opend then;
And when I regt the lock from Delia's head,
Had cut me from the sum of men!

She heard the scissars that fair lock divide,
And white my heart with transport panted big,
She cast a fury-frown on me, and cried,
"You stupid puppy you have spoil'd my wif!"

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THE TEST OF VIRTUE.

HORATIO was the son of a nobleman of small fortune, and as he had little to expect from his father, resolved to establish his own fame and fortune in the service of his country. The Navy appeared the most important scene of action, he entered into that department, and in regular course of time he rose to the rank of captain.

About this time he harpooned to be in England on parole among his friends. In one of the different companies he visited, he was introduced to a young lady of personal and mental accomplishments. Frequent interviews produced a mutual attachment; and at last, the much admired Maria consented to surrender her heart and hand to Horatio.

Scarcely were they married, when he received orders to take command of his ship, and join the squadron off —. Though with reluctance he left his newly acquired happiness, yet he instantly obeyed, and parted from his amiable bride.

In due time Maria's grief for the absence of her husband, gave place to the interesting care of a lovely girl; but this opened a new scene of sorrow for Maria; her husband's brother and sister's husband became her admirers, and singly endeavored to undermine her Virtue and Honor; — Maria, bold as various, indignantly refused their unnatural offices.

Pierced to the soul with her contemptuous refusal, they both resolved to ruin her, by destroying her reputation. Amongst their male acquaintance they declared they had taken a common liberty with her, in the company of the females they insinuated the glaring impropriety of Maria's conduct. — Unparalleled Infamy; — She soon became the topic of every conversation, and Maria, the amiable Maria, soon found herself deserted by those who had first sought her acquaintance, and admired her accomplishments. What must have been the feelings of Maria? — she pined away in anguish and sorrow; — the roses of health faded from her cheeks. — Conscience. Innocence could not support her. What must be feelings of Horatio when it first reached his ears — what the sensations of her sister.

Horatio's father took the disconsolate Maria and her infant to his seat in the country, and endeavored by the most affectionate attention to restore her to peace of mind.

Peace and prosperous winds soon sent Horatio to his native isle: — he landed — and before he reached home received a wound to his hip-pines worse even than death.

Horatio was a man of the strictest honor, but he possessed a sound and deliberate judgment: — he had commanded in war; — he knew all how to command himself; — he hastened to his wife, and embraced her with all the affliction of a friend and husband; — he felt as a man, — his brother had injured him. He escorted her to all the public assemblies, where he led her by the hand to those who had known her, and vindicated her innocence and honor, of which he was firmly persuaded in his own mind.

This was manly indeed, — confronting the fact of calumny and insult; — for as he pass'd along the rooms, he heard whispers of Maria's disgrace; but struck with amazement, and admiration at his conduct, their whispers ceased in silent approbation. Maria was again held in former circles with increased respect; but her true friends wished to silence the voice of Envy as well as Calumny. They accordingly proposed to her and Horatio that she should be tried by a jury of her most respectable male and female friends.

he readily consented, and so nobly defended her cause, as perfectly to prove to their full satisfaction her virtue and innocence. This they made every where public, and the virtues of Maria shone with redoubled lustre.

Peace again enlivened her mind, and the roses of health once more bloomed on her cheeks. Horatio too enjoyed many days of happiness; but Frederick and Attamons found to their remorse that they were avoided by every acquaintance—pointed out as objects of universal detestation, and so last obliged to take voluntary exile from their native city.

What a pity that such characters should be found amongst human beings!—How beautiful does Maria appear in the contrast!—How noble is Horatio!—few men would have acted as he did. Yet, in not so doing they would have erred.

Were presence of mind, and magnanimity more cherished and admired than what is commonly termed courage, or a contempt of death, we should see more great men, and greater actions adorn society, than the world produced in the present age.

SEARANICUS.

MR. ADDISON.

WHEN Mr. Addison lived in Kensington-square, he took unusual pains to study Montaigne's Essays, but finding little or no information in the chapters, according to what their titles promised, he one day in great anger threw by the book, wearied and confused, but not satisfied.—Said a gentleman present: "Well, sir, what think you of this famous French author?"— "Think," replied he; "Why that a dark diamond, and feathers, would probably have been of some service to restore this author's infirmity."— "How, sir?" said his friend, "imprison a man for singularity in writing?"— "Why not?" replied Mr. Addison, "had he been a horse, he would have been punished for straying out of his bounds; and why as a man he ought to be more favored, I really do not understand."

ON BRIBERY.

2 POOR man once a judge besought
To judge aright his cause;
And with a pot of oil salutes
This judger of the laws.
My friend, quoth he, thy cause is good;
Be glad away thy bridle;
Soon his worthy for did come
Before this partial judge.

4 hog well f'd this churl presents,
And creates a strain of law;
The hog receiv'd, the poor man's rights
Was judg'd not worth a straw.

Therewith he cried, O partial judge,
The doom has me undone;
Down off I gave my cause was good,
But now to run run.

Poor man, quoth he, I like forgot;
And see thy cause of foul;
A hog cause since into my house,
And broke thy pot of oil.

BENEVOLENCE.

THE other day says Ned to Joe,
Near Bedlam's confines groping;
Where'er I hear the cries of woe,
My hand is always open.
I own, says Joe, that to the poor
(You prove it every minute)
Your hand is open, to be sure,
But then there's nothing in it.

The Weekly Museum.

NEW-YORK, JUNE 29, 1805.

Thirty-one Deaths have occurred in this city during the last week, ending the 22d inst.

A passenger on board the Regulator, of Albany, capt. A. Beaman, on his way to New-York, fell overboard, near Mount Pleasant—immediate assistance was given but to no effect, and he was drowned—reports state that he was a merchant from the westward, going to New-York to purchase goods, and had 800 dollars in his pocket at the time the unfortunate accident happened.

Neckburgh prop.

On Saturday the 15th inst. was committed to goal in the town of Hackensack, a negro woman belonging to capt. Uriah Bias, of New-Bridge, for attempting to kill two of her children—fortunately before she was enabled to accomplish the horrid deed, she was discovered, and immediately taken into custody.—She said her intentions were to cut the throats of her children, and afterwards put a period to her own existence.

On Friday the 27th inst. the privateer fleet now blockading the harbor of Charleston, brought to the ship Minerva, capt. Atkins, from that port to the Coast, capt. A. not immediately complying with their order to hoist out his boat and come on board, they threatened to put him in irons. Four men were put on board the ship, and she was detained for further examination, the privateersmen ascertaining that she was bound to St. Domingo, from the circumstance of her having three or four guns and a small quantity of gunpowder on board. When the private boat left the fleet the same evening, the ship was still in company.

From a number accounts from the Mediterranean, it is probable Lord Nelson's fleet had gone to Egypt, in search of the Toulon squadron. A large fleet, however had sailed for the West Indies: and the places of some of them, in the Channel fleet, had been supplied by Sir John Orde's squadron.

RANDOLPH, June 10.

With regret, we record the melancholy death of Mr. John Hoyt of this town.—About ten days since, he left this place, on horseback, for the purpose of buying so he said; and on Sunday morning, the 21st inst. he was found dead, hanging by a bridle, in a new house, in Morristown, in the upper part of this state. When he was found, he stood square with one foot on the sill of the house, the other foot was swinging. The bridle, which was fastened very closely, had cut into his neck in a most shocking manner. From the appearance of his face, which was considerably fly-blown around his mouth, it was judged he hung himself the day before. His horse was found near the house tied close to a fence with a throat-latch and one of the mail-straps; with the other mail-strap he had fastened his saddle-bags to the fence, and his hat was carefully laid down upon the sill of the house. He had 50 dollars sewed up in his pocket-book. He was a remarkably steady, prudent, industrious young man, 23 years of age, and has parents living in Newton, (N. H.)

COURT OF HYMEN.

HAIL honored Wedlock's sacred ties,
The crown of life is thine,
Pure fountain of social sweet delights,
To Adam's virtuous line.

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening, last week, by the Rev. Mr. Williams, Mr. Richard Lewis, of Poughkeepsie, to Mrs. Wilson, of this city.

On Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Kunzie, capt. Gordon Parker, to Miss Mary Ryckman, both of this city.

At Brooklyn, Long Island, by the Rev. Mr. Harman Duggett, Mr. William Beal, to Miss Polly Leek, of that place.

MORTALITY.

ENWRAPPED in slumber's arms thus all will rest,
Till the loud clarion's voice shall bid them
rise;
Then will the pious hear the angels blest,
Hati kindred spirits to their native skies.

DIED.

At Brooklyn, on Monday last, in the 79th year of his age, LAMBERT MOOGIE, Esq. a gentleman who sustained an unenvied character through a long life, and filled many important offices under the British government during its sovereignty over the American colonies.

At Charleston, in the prime of life, Dr. ALEXANDER HOGG, a native of Scotland, much respected.

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